that way, he will be satisfiied. The only saving feature as long as these gentlemen and ladies also, are employed in the department is they get something, after all they are only our brothers and sisters—why not they enjoy. If that is the view that is taken they need not be disturbed. If you want only the minimum number of hands to work the department efficiently and well you don't require half the number. Otherwise if you continue to keep this large number of hands even in spite of our protest at least have another highly paid officer equally energetic to run about so that they may at least on hearing the food-steps on the stair case they will draw back their legs and wake from their sleep in order to avoid being caught red handed. The Hon'ble Member for Food Supplies ought to have gained from some observations made from this side of the House that after all the Food Department is a Department whose officers have to be not mutilated by our criticism but should be patted on the back. Another Hon'ble Member once said on a former occasion "all the stringent criticisms against the department I endorse but all the same deal with him smoothly" there is a season because that departmental head is dealing smoothly with another in whom that Hon'ble Member is interested such things Sir, must end.

**Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon** *(Cheruthuruthi):* What is that interest?

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Vadakkancheri):* Search and then you will find. Please look into the speeches on the cut-motion of the Hon'ble Member Mr. K. S. Panicker. In the speech of an Hon'ble Member whom I shall not name, now you will see these and more things. Such observations only add strength to the treasury benches. If we are unanimous and strigent in our language, consistant of course with the facts obtaining, certainly they will think one hundred times before they answer important question like the reduction of unnecessarily large number of hands employed by the Department and supervised by a poor sole unnecessarily fatigued and over-worked. I am speaking Sir, in your interest (*laughter*). I have not forgotten the days when we were college-mates, and my sympathy goes in abundance to you. I want to see that the public get their due from the highly paid department and not to see a relation of mine gets an undeserved promotion. Therefore you must think twice before you deflect from the course that is open to you. I will fight the battle till you are improved or annihilated. To a query of the Hon'ble Member for Oorakam it was said that fresh Burmah rice was expected and that subsequently it was deflected and now the Imperial Governments Food situation is getting worse. Do you seriously think that this food situation in India will improve till the demand of 1942 August is accepted or enforced. Till the exploiter leaves India is there any possibility of the Food Question in all India improving? Did you not read the other day the food question in India being debated in the assembly? Did you try to follow it? Did you try to profit by it? There is no use of reading a newspaper if you don't follow it or adopt what is good in it. Poor show yours! I will insist Sir your rising up to the occasion and being answerable for the very big and fat salary that you draw. What is it I ask when the food question is being tackled that you the Hon'ble Members sitting there are doing. Are you only concerned with the drawing of your pay on the 20th of the month or on the day following the last day of the month. We will see that you are not paid. It is no idle threat. There are methods, union, for getting personalities, united, united 48 of us, representing 14 lakhs of people are here what are they the wooden benches I ask, in all seriousness? It is more an appeal to be good, Sir and it is open to them to respond beautifully. I have no idea to press the motion I have only pointed out your defects you can improve. I shall wait and see. If the House will allow me to withdraw I will do so.

**Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon** *(Cheruthuruthi):* "What a fall, my countryman".

**Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Vadakkancheri):* There is no fall, I was only trying to press home that point to the Government to see if they will improve

*Cut-motion by leave withdrawn*

*Demands put and carried*

**35. 39. Miscellaneous—3—Price Control (c) Grain purchase—Dearness Allowance**

**36. 39. Miscellaneous—3—price Control (c) Grain purchase—T. A.**

**37. 39—Miscellaneous—3—price Control Measures (c) Grain purchase—other charges**

**Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu** *(Diwan Peishkar):* I may be permitted to move the next three items to-gether. They relate to the same subject. Rs. 22,887 for Dearness Allowance, Rs. 10,000 for T. A. and Rs. 7,095 for other charges under the same head.

*Demands put and carried*



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